IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NOVO NORDISK A/S,)	
Plaintiff,)	
V.)) C	A. No. 05-645-SLR
SANOFI-AVENTIS, AVENTIS)	
PHARMACEUTICALS INC., and AVENTIS PHARMA DEUTSCHLAND GMBH,)	
Defendants.)	

AVENTIS' RULE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

There is no parent corporation or publicly held corporation that owns 10% or more of the stock of sanofi-aventis S.A.

Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aventis Holdings Inc., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aventis Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of sanofi-aventis Amerique du Nord, which is directly or indirectly owned by sanofi-aventis S.A., which is a publicly held corporation.

Sanofi-Aventis Deutschland GmbH (formerly named Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hoechst GmbH, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of sanofi-aventis S.A.

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I hereby certify that on the 12th day of December, 2005, the attached **AVENTIS' RULE 7.1 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** was served upon the below-named counsel of record at the addresses and in the manner indicated:

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